

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 12-14, 20 and 25-42 have been amended to clarify the subject matter therein. No new matter is added by this amendment.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101

The Office Action rejects claims 12-13 and 25-42 under 35 U.S.C. §101 stating the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 12-13 and 25-42 have been amended to provide clarification with respect to the Examiner's comments. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 7-9, and 14-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,768,614, Takagi. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Takagi represents a network monitoring system, in which no information is inputted from a terminal by an information provider. Additionally, Takagi does not incorporate a display designating the information that comprises the service information. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are thus respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5, 7-11, and 14-16 and 20-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,725,460, Nishiyama. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Nishiyama references a multimedia distribution system where the information to be distributed is stored on a side server. The information to be distributed is not inputted through a network by a service information provider. Since the service information to be distributed is bulky enough to require low-load delivery scheduling (i.e. night-time), the information cannot be provided by a remote service provider. Though some kind of

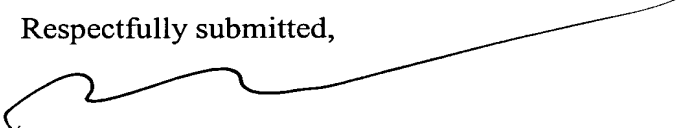
emergency information can be transmitted from a terminal (column 8, line 3-6), such an emergency information requires "realtime response", which cannot be distributed according to a schedule determined by the desired distribution date and time information, as clearly recited in claim 1, and similarly recited in all other independent claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are thus respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-42 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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